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SUBJ: REPORTED CASTRO ADVICE TO MENGISTU RE DEPENDENCE OF
SOVIET BLOC

1. FRIENDLY AND RELIABLY EGYPTIAN EMBASSY SOURCE, WHO HAS CLOSE PERSONAL TIES WITH A SPANISH EMBASSY OFFICER, HEARD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND PASSED IT TO US IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.
2. A SPANISH EMBASSY OFFICER WAS IN TOUCH WITH A MEMBER OF CASTRO'S PARTY DURING THE SEPT 12-18 CASTRO VISIT TO ETHIOPIA AND WAS TOLD THAT CASTRO HAD TAKEN MENGISTU ASIDE TO GIVE HIM SOME PERSONAL ADVICE. CASTRO IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD MENGISTU THAT HE DEEPLY REGRETS CUBA'S DEGREE OF DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIET UNION AND TO HAVE ADVISED HIM ON A CONFIDENTIAL AND PERSONAL BASIS NOT TO GET INTO THE SAME PREDICAMENT HIMSELF.

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3. EGYPTIANS GIVE FULL FAITH TO THIS REPORT AS TRUE AND ACCEPT IT AT FACE VALUE. THEY DO NOT READ INTO IT A SOVIET-MOTIVATED ATTEMPT TO LIMIT THEIR LIABILITY FOR PROVIDING ECONOMIC AS WELL AS MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA, A POSSIBILITY WHICH OCCURRED TO US SHOULD THE INFORMATION BE CORRECT.
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